

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) An insulator to be disposed in an armature core having a plurality of radially-formed salient poles, wherein

the insulator is formed to position a winding of a first layer, which is an innermost layer in a radial direction of the armature core, approximately at a middle between the salient poles among the windings wound on the salient poles,

the insulator includes an approximately V-shaped winding aligning portion, which becomes narrower from an outer side to an inner side in the radial direction of the armature core, approximately at the middle between the salient poles, and

~~The insulator according to claim 2, the insulator characterized in the winding aligning portion being~~ is formed such that two slant faces thereof meet at an angle from approximately 45 degrees to approximately 75 degrees.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) The insulator according to ~~claim 2~~claim 3, the insulator further characterized in being formed to be able to align the windings of which diameters are approximately 0.9 mm.

6. (Currently amended) The insulator according to ~~claim 2~~claim 3, further characterized in that a center angle of the slot in the insulator is larger than an angle at which two slant faces of the winding aligning portion meet in cases in which a number of the slots of the insulator is smaller than or equal to six and smaller than the angle at which the two slant faces of the winding aligning portion meet in cases in which the number of the slots of the insulator is larger than six.

7. (Currently amended) The insulator according to ~~claim 2~~claim 3, further characterized in that the winding aligning portion is formed so that two slant faces ~~meets~~meet approximately at 60 degrees.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)